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SUBJECT: 104TH EXBD AGENDA ITEM 4.2: RECOMMENDATIONS ON
DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET (20 C/5) - NATURAL SCIENCES

1. IN ADDITION TO NAT COM COMMENTS ALREADY TRANSMITTED,
DEPT WILL BE PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS
AND PROJECTS. FOLLOWING PERTAINS TO 20 C/5 PARAS 2242-
2314 (MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES)

2. INSTRUCTIONS

(A) USDEL SHOULD URGE THAT THE PROJECTS UNDER THIS OB-
JECTIVE BE REVIEWED AND ASSIGNED PRIORITIES SO THAT
UNESCO'S LIMITED RESOURCES CAN BE USED TO BETTER SUPPORT A
SMALLER NUMBER OF MORE REALISTICALLY FUNDED PROJECTS.
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(B) PARA 2248: USDEL SHOULD PROPOSE CHANGING THE WORDS
QUOTE ABOUT FIVE UNQUOTE TO QUOTE A FEW UNQUOTE.

(C) PARA 2249: USDEL SHOULD PROPOSE DELETION OF THE WORDS
QUOTE SOME 15 UNQUOTE.

3. DISCUSSION

PARAS 2242-2314: AS WITH MOST UNESCO BUDGETS, OBJECTIVE 7.1 INCLUDES TOO MANY TASKS AND NOT ENOUGH MONEY. THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REDUCED DRASTICALLY, AND REARRANGED ON A PRIORITY BASIS REFLECTING WHAT UNESCO REALLY CAN DO WELL.

PARAS 2248 AND 2249: THE IGCP IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A PROGRAM REVIEW WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND TERMINATION OF SOME PROJECTS WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES AND ADOPTION OF A SMALL NUMBER OF NEW PROJECTS BASED ON RELEVANCE TO THE OVERALL PROGRAM. THE PRECISE NUMBER IN EACH CATEGORY CANNOT BE PREDICTED. VANCE

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